

School Nutrition News

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Join the Nations First Lady and Take the Challenge

Michelle Obama is leading the efforts around the country in the new *Let's Move* initiative. Aimed at solving the epidemic of childhood obesity within a generation, *Let's Move* partners everyone in the community towards the goal of having affordable healthy food available to all and encouraging physical activities. For more information go to: www.letsmove.gov.

As part of this initiative, the USDA set a goal of doubling the number of schools meeting the HealthierUS School Challenge (HUSC) over this school year and then adding 1000 schools per year for the next two years. This program was established to recognize schools that are working to promote a healthier school environment. To receive certification as a HealthierUS School, a school must meet standards for food quality, participation in meal programs, physical activity and nutrition education. USDA has made changes to the certification requirements to encourage schools to move towards becoming a HealthierUS School. These changes include:

- **Offering financial incentives for each school awarded:**
 - Gold of Distinction - \$2,000
 - Gold - \$1,500
 - Silver - \$1,000
 - Bronze - \$500
- Removing the Average Daily Participation (ADP) requirement for the Bronze level
- Removing the production record requirement for the Bronze level
- Expanding the program to Middle and High Schools
- Easing ADP requirements for the Silver award: 60% for Middle and Elementary Schools and 45% for High Schools
- Easing the paperwork requirement for multiple schools in one district that implement the same menus, competitive foods, school policies and practices
- Increasing certification from 2 years to 4 years



School Nutrition Team (SNT) will be posting a webcast mid-June. Available at:

<http://www.dpi.wi.gov/fns/sntwebcasts.html>

For more information on the HUSC please visit:

<http://teamnutrition.usda.gov/healthierUS/index.html>

To submit an application or for questions on application completion contact Kelly Williams, kelly.williams@dpi.wi.gov, (608) 267-9276.

School Programs Contract Renewal Delayed

Due to on-line programming updates, the contract renewal period for SY 2010-2011 will be delayed. An informational memo on changes and dates for this year's contract renewal period will be sent later in May. Thank you for your patience!



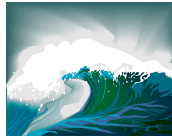
Crediting Pop Quiz True or False

1. My distributor has a website that tells me how each of the products I purchase from them contributes to the meal pattern requirements. This is all the documentation I need.
☐ True ☐ False
2. The salesperson told me the canned ravioli I'm purchasing has a Child Nutrition (CN) label, but there isn't a CN label on each can. Therefore, the canned ravioli I received is not actually a CN labeled-product, and I must obtain other appropriate documentation to support the product's contribution toward meal pattern requirements.
☐ True ☐ False
3. I have to have a CN label for my all-meat hot dog.
☐ True ☐ False
4. If a food item is not listed in the USDA *Food Buying Guide*, it cannot be counted as contributing to the meal pattern.
☐ True ☐ False
5. I purchase a 2 ounce blueberry muffin that doesn't have a CN label or manufacturer's specification sheet, but I can count it as 1 grains/breads serving.
☐ True ☐ False
6. The number of grains/breads servings of a cereal bar can be found in the USDA *Food Buying Guide*.
☐ True ☐ False

For answers see back cover.

"Waves" of Training

The SNT is offering "Waves" of training this year.



"Wave 1" offers three courses during the month of June in Madison at the DPI office building:

- First Choice: A Purchasing System – This 2½ day course will be taught by an instructor from the National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI).
- Nutrient Analysis
- ServSafe Certification

For specific information and/or to register for these courses, go to http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/doc/cnscd_wlr.doc

"Wave 2" offers up to 18 courses at four locations in late July and in August:

- July 27-29, 2010 at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau
- August 10-12, 2010 at Southwest Wisconsin Technical College in Fennimore
- August 10-12, 2010 at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in Rice Lake
- August 17-19, 2010 at UW – Waukesha Campus
- In addition, a ServSafe Certification Course will also be offered at Campbellsport High School on August 16 and 17, 2010. Space is limited so if you are interested, register early.

The information regarding "Wave 2" courses, mailed in early May, is available on our website at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/training.html>.

New this year are five 2-hour mini-courses developed to update or refresh specific topic areas including:

- Product Crediting Update
- Updating Food Safety Plan
- Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
- Farm 2 School
- Making Connections – Cafeteria to Classrooms

Back again for 2010:

- Healthy Edge Training

Additional courses focus primarily on the "Need to Know" of program regulations for:

- Administration of School Nutrition Programs
- Menu Planning/Food Service for School Nutrition

"Wave 3" offers the fifth year of Great Beginnings Academy (GBA):

This training series is designed for new Food Service Managers/Directors and provides an overview of program regulations. Mark your calendars for:

- Thursday, October 28, 2010
- Tuesday, January 11, 2011
- Tuesday, May 3, 2011



Registration information for GBA will be mailed in late August.

Additional Upcoming SNT Trainings:

Small Victories - Between May 5 and May 18, 2010

- Fennimore High School
- Plum City High School
- Winter School District
- Iola-Scandinavia High School
- Cedar Grove-Belgium Middle School
- Fall River School District



Training Resources

- School Nutrition Team Training Opportunities web page - <http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/training.html>.
 - Understanding USDA's Severe Need Breakfast Program
 - HealthierUS School Challenge (available mid-June)

Looking for ServSafe training or Healthy Edge Training?

- Contact Cindy Loechler at cynthia.loechler@dpi.wi.gov or at (608) 266-5185
- Training sessions will be scheduled as needed. Minimum class size of 10 is required.

Projects Taking Root In Rural Wisconsin



On February 22, 2010, State Superintendent Tony Evers presented the "Standing Up for Rural Schools, Libraries, and Communities" awards to projects that provide services to rural communities across the state. Of the nine projects receiving awards, two of the projects focused on local farm-to-school initiatives:

- **Food-4-Thought:** Community members and organizations from the Prairie du Chien Area, Seneca, and Wauzeka-Steuben school districts came together to help students gain a better understanding of the path food takes from the farm to the plate by bringing fresh, locally grown food and educational opportunities to their students, and by starting a school garden.
- **Green and Growing:** This garden project of the Washburn School District involves each and every one of the district's students! Students help in the preparation, planting, tending, and harvesting of the school garden. The produce is then used in the district's School Breakfast and National School Lunch Programs. Numerous community organizations have partnered with the district to provide the support and resources needed to sustain this project.

For further information on all projects, a copy of the full news release can be found at:

http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/eis/pdf/dpinr2010_24.pdf

School Nutrition Employee Week May 3-7, 2010

DPI expresses its deep appreciation to these valuable employees and commends their good work on behalf of WI children.

Round of Applause!



Congratulations to the following Wisconsin school districts for being recognized by the Directors of Health Promotion and Education (DHPE) for their excellence in implementing school employee wellness programs!

- DeForest Area School District (Gold winner)
- Sheboygan Area School District (Silver winner)
- School District of Beloit (Silver winner)

Civil Rights Training Materials

Private and public school districts participating in federal nutrition programs are responsible for providing **annual** Civil Rights training for staff that interacts with program participants and the people who supervise them. In order to assist your agency in meeting these requirements, the SNT has recently created a Civil Rights training PowerPoint presentation containing all of the topics required by the USDA. To access the Civil Rights PowerPoint presentation and a sign-off sheet to document staff attendance, please visit our website at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/training.html#snt>. For a limited time, a link to these resources will also be available under "Hot Topics" on the SNT main webpage. Any questions regarding civil rights requirements for agencies participating in federal Child Nutrition Programs may be directed to the SNT at (608) 267-9228.

Administrative Review and Training Grant, Method II

U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded Wisconsin a new grant totaling \$1,960,526 for Administrative Review and Training (ART) to assist with administration of the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). The purpose of the funding is to provide support for the implementation of innovative training, monitoring, and technology solutions to enhance program effectiveness. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) will use grant funding to provide additional technical assistance and training to schools that could be at greater risk of error due to size of the school and high rates of staff turnover. The grant will also support technology that will be available 24/7 to provide training for program participants.

For more information go to:

http://dpi.wi.gov/eis/pdf/dpinr2010_33.pdf

National Food Service Management Institute (NFSMI) Update

New resources can now be found on the NFSMI website, <http://www.nfsmi.org/>, including:

- *Serving It Safe*, 3rd Edition
- Emergency Readiness and Food Safety Resources
- On-line videos of *Cooks for Kids*-Season 3
- Financial Management Web Seminars
- Train-the-Trainer Web Seminar Focus on Using the *Growing Your Professional Skills* Breakfast Lunch Training
- On-line Courses:
 - *Food Service Assistant...you are important*
 - *Serving It Safe*
- *The NFSMI Best Practice Guide for Increasing High School Student Participation and Satisfaction in the National School Lunch Program*
- *The School that Learned to Eat* – A 1948 color film

NFSMI can now also be found on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube!

Green Moment

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates 25% of all prepared food in the United States goes uneaten each day.



Statistical Graphs Now Available



Graphs showing free and reduced price data for the 2009-2010 school year and graphs that show trends in the rise of free and reduced eligibility for the last several years are now available on our SNT Program Statistics page. These graphs could be helpful in presentations to school boards or parents. Check them out at: www.dpi.wi.gov/fns/progstat.html

School Meals That Rock

Tired of hearing only the negatives about school meals? Dayle Hayes, MS, RD has created a new blog to celebrate healthy school meals. Dayle's goal is to showcase all the wonderful meals and programs we have in schools across the country. If you would like to read about other successful programs or post information and/or pictures of your program go to:

<http://eatwellatschool.blogspot.com/>



Farm to School

We are experiencing much statewide excitement surrounding the “growth” of Farm to School programming both nationally and in Wisconsin as demonstrated by two new statewide legislative proposals (AB 746 and SB 536) and Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” federal campaign. Farm to School (F2S) aims to connect local farms with schools to serve more healthful, locally produced foods to students; provide unique nutrition education opportunities; and improve Wisconsin’s economy by developing new markets for farmers.

Currently, over 34 districts in Wisconsin are participating in F2S activities. These activities include everything from procuring one or more local items, to school gardens, to local food tastings, and more!

Schools interested in starting a F2S program are encouraged to:

1. Connect with key players (i.e. school administration, teachers, parents, school nutrition professionals, farmers, existing distributors, etc).
2. Organize a planning meeting to assess what is feasible at each school and start small. Starting small could be a taste testing, farm tour, serving one new product, etc.
3. Develop ongoing marketing to help increase the excitement surrounding F2S and keep participation up. Don’t do it alone, remember there are several resources out there to help you.

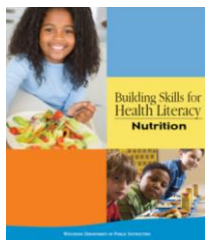
Please keep an eye on our website in the coming months for updates and resources regarding this exciting new initiative.

Teaching Nutrition Life Skills

A new health education document ‘Skills for Health Literacy: Nutrition’ has been released by the Department of Public Instruction. This book provides a strategy to teach health education skills and to apply appropriate skills to nutrition instruction. The three key health education skills emphasized in the document are:

- Accessing Accurate Nutrition Information
- Analyzing Nutrition Influences
- Self-Managing Your Nutritional Choices.

Many lesson examples are provided. You can receive a copy of the document by emailing Jon Hisgen, Health and Physical Education Consultant at jon.hisgen@dpi.wi.gov. Two one-credit courses will be offered on using this document, at the University of WI-Stevens Point on July 27, 2010, and at the Wisconsin Family and Consumer Educators Conference in Eau Claire on August 9, 2010.



Getting ‘Smiley’ over the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP)

Refreshing...flavorful...fun...crunchy...colorful...tasty!! Students at the FFVP schools get pretty ‘smiley’ when served their fresh fruit and vegetable snacks. Staff has discovered the tastes and textures of unfamiliar produce as well.

Thank you to the 73 schools who have worked very hard this year serving a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables while promoting and teaching about their wonderful flavors and health benefits. You do make a difference! We have enjoyed school visits, meeting food and nutrition staff, observing the snack in action along with the classroom nutrition lessons, and hearing feedback, from program challenges to the successes.

As the 2009-2010 FFVP grant year is quickly coming to an end, please take note of these important reminders:

- If you are a school and you know you may have more funds than you think you can spend, consider:
 - offering the snack more than 3 days per week
 - ordering different kind of berries or exotic fruits such as mango, star fruit, and papaya. This may require you to seek out individually packaged product through your vendor. Inquire for best pricing with area supermarkets and your prime vendor.
 - coordinating a special end-of-year assembly with a special ‘fruit mix’ snack
 - promoting the upcoming summer’s bounty with ‘Watermelon Wednesdays’
- The deadline to submit your *final claim* is *August 30, 2010*; however, if you want to receive reimbursement by the end of **this** school year, you will need to submit it by *June 15, 2010*.
- The end-of-year Program Coordinator Quarterly Report is due June 30, 2010. This final report will be sent via email at the end of May.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact Linda Handel at linda.handel@dpi.wi.gov or (608) 266-2741. Happy summer!



UW-Extension nutrition class teaches White Rock Elementary students in Waukesha, about the colors of the rainbow.

Commodity Updates



Year-end Reminders:

As of May 1, 2010, the School Year 2009-10 Commodity Allocation and Receipt Summary (CARS) report is available in the Commodity Internet System. Each agency is responsible for printing out and maintaining a copy of the CARS report for audit purposes. The summary covers the monthly commodity distributions received during the 2009-2010 school year. This summary shows the commodities received, the value of the items, and the percentage of entitlement received.

The amount next to the line, "*Total Value Received: Entitlement, Bonus, DoD, and Raw Product*" is the total value of commodities received for the 2009-2010 school year. This amount is what may be needed for year-end reports.

To access a copy of the CARS report from the Commodity Internet System:

1. Access the "WI Commodity Ordering System" at: <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/fns/index.html>. Scroll down the web page to "Order USDA Commodities" section and click on "WI Commodity Ordering System." Enter the user id (agency code) and password (4 digit password).
2. Once the user id and password have been entered, a message board will be displayed. After the message board information has been read, click on the "Continue" button that is located below the message board information.
3. To access Program Year 2010, click on the year "2010."
4. Below the web tool bar and above the School Food Authority Summary portion of the system in the left-hand corner, the following words will be listed: Summary, Allocations, Orders, Reports, and Resources.
5. Click on the word "Reports."
6. Click on the word "CARS Report". The CARS Report will now be displayed.
7. To print a copy of the CARS Report, click on the "Print" button located on the web tool bar.

Detailed instructions for accessing the CARS Report in the Commodity Internet System can be found on pages 35-36 of the "Online Instructions - School Lunch Program" at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/doc/commodityorderinst.doc>

Save the Date:

The next Direct Diversion Processing Food Show and the Direct Diversion Training Session for schools interested in School Year 2011-12 Direct Diversion Commodity Processing will be held on September 29, 2010 at the Madison Marriott West in Middleton, WI.

- Direct Diversion Training Session:
9/29/2010 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Direct Diversion Processing Food Show:
9/29/2010 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Watch for additional information via mail/email in August 2010!

Great News!! Additional Commodity Funding!

National School Lunch Program (NSLP) regulations require that the value of USDA food (commodity) assistance for schools be a minimum of 12 percent of all Federal assistance provided under sections 4, 6, and 11 of the NSLP each school year (SY).

DPI was recently notified by USDA that this 12 percent requirement was not met for SY 2009-10. To offset this shortfall, USDA is providing each state with additional commodity funding for SY 2010-11. USDA is still determining how this additional funding will be made available.

Once we are notified of the specific details, additional information will be provided to schools.

Food Recall Information for Commercially Purchased Products

Schools frequently have questions and concerns regarding commercial product recalls.

As the Department of Public Instruction is not directly involved in the procurement of schools' commercial purchases, we may not always receive the details and information necessary to notify schools and/or monitor commercial product recalls.

The best way for schools to obtain this information is to receive email notifications regarding food recalls. Schools can sign up for free email updates from www.recalls.gov. The website provides a one-stop shop for U.S. Government recalls.

We encourage all schools interested in accessing recall information to follow these steps:

1. Log on to www.recalls.gov
2. Click on the Food tab at the top.
3. Click on "Sign Up for Free Recall Updates by E-Mail" (in red toward top of page)
4. This takes you to the Dept. of Health and Human Services signup page, where you will:
 - a. Enter your email address and confirm same; and
 - b. Check the box titled 'FoodSafety.gov Recalls and Alerts' under the FoodSafety.gov Updates section.

Once completed, you will receive acknowledgement of your subscription from the Department of Health and Human Services.

In addition to receiving email notifications on recalls, schools may also want to check the following website to obtain detailed listings for all products involved in a recall: www.foodsafety.gov. This page is updated on a regular basis and should be checked frequently to assure that your school receives timely information on recalled products.

New Approaches to School Breakfast Workshop Highlights

Two regional workshops were held this year for school nutrition professionals to learn about starting a school breakfast program as well as increasing participation in an existing school breakfast program. The morning was kicked off with a presentation from the Wisconsin Dairy Council titled *Every Child Every Day – Re-thinking School Breakfast*. This in-depth presentation challenged participants to take a fresh look at how they are delivering school breakfast and provided techniques that can be used to help increase breakfast participation.

At the February conference, Samia Hamdan, MPH, RD, Nutritionist for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), provided data on breakfast participation and current breakfast trends in the Midwest region. At the April conference, Madeline Levine, MPH, Senior Policy Analyst at the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), outlined the importance of all students having access to school breakfast and successful initiatives that can be used to expand current breakfast programs.

Participants at the April conference were also addressed by State Superintendent Tony Evers, who stressed the importance of school breakfast programs, which work to ensure students are properly fed so they can concentrate on learning. State Superintendent Evers thanked all conference participants for their hard work with school meal programs. In addition, Marlene Mielke, a representative from Senator Herb Kohl's office discussed the Senator's continued efforts to bring school breakfast to the forefront of legislation.

The afternoon provided an opportunity for participants to select from educational sessions that continued the discussion on how to approach school breakfast with new and creative ideas. One of the first sessions included a panel discussion of key players who shared their insight on how to gain support for a breakfast program. Also at the April conference, one panel included a Student Advisory Council from Randall Middle School. Participants were inspired by the story of Katie O'Brien, Miranda Page and Alyssa Schaller, three students who took the initiative to start a breakfast program at their school. The concurrent breakout session discussed how to determine severe need breakfast as well as how to convert the Wisconsin School Day Milk Program into breakfast in the classroom.

The second set of breakouts discussed how to market your program to students, parents and teachers to help increase participation. The other session provided information on the grant writing process and useful tips that can be used to help apply for grant funds.

The workshops were organized by staff from the University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension, the Department of Public Instruction, the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board and the School Nutrition Association of Wisconsin. Each conference was a great success and we thank all of those who attended!



State Superintendent Dr. Tony Evers addresses the participants at the School Breakfast Conference in April.

School Breakfast Grants Available for the 2010-2011 School Year

Once again, Senator Herb Kohl continues to show his support for School Breakfast Programs by providing Wisconsin schools with Nutrition Enhancement Breakfast Grants. The purpose of these grants is to increase the number of children with access to morning nutrition. Funds may be used to assist schools in implementing a school breakfast program or to help increase participation in an existing program. For the 2010-2011 school year, the total amount of funding going to schools is \$390,000. Grant applications must be postmarked by May 18, 2010. For grant eligibility guidelines and application please visit the following link:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/sbp1.html>

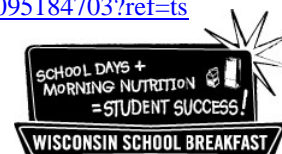
The Wisconsin School Breakfast Programs Website Update

The University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension and the DPI partnered website has changed its address. The new address is: <http://fyi.uwex.edu/wischoolbreakfast/>. The website still has many useful resources like *The Breakfast Scoop* newsletter and a listing of School Breakfast Web Resources. Now there is a new WI School Breakfast Blog and information on joining the WI School Breakfast Listserv.

Wisconsin School Breakfast Programs is also on **FACEBOOK**:

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Wisconsin-School-Breakfast-Programs/370095184703?ref=ts>

Come join us in cyberspace!



Weekend Backpack Programs to Lessen Child Hunger



Have you ever considered sending packaged food items home on Friday afternoon with your students in a “food backpack?” The SNT has a listing of contact information for school districts and their partners who have these programs. Please contact Helene Pesche at (608) 261-6329 or helene.pesche@dpi.wi.gov, for this list or for more information on starting a program.



Offer Healthy Meals to Children During the Summer Months

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) strongly encourages schools to continue to offer healthy school meals during summer school academic and/or summer enrichment activities. Reimbursement is available to off-set the cost of providing these meals. For more information, please visit the DPI – Summer Feeding Choices for Schools webpage at:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/summerchoices.html>

Should Your District Make the Swap?



Beginning in the fall of 2005, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) began to phase whole milk products out of New York City public schools and limit flavored milk to fat-free chocolate in hopes of decreasing students’ fat and calorie intake, without decreasing student milk consumption. The results of this five-year study were recently published in the January 29, 2010 issue of the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

The results show that the system-wide switch to low-fat and fat-free milk cut out approximately 33 calories and 3.4 grams of fat per school day for each milk-drinking student. This equates to nearly 6,000 calories and over 600 grams of fat per year for each student, and the numbers are even higher for students who drank white milk vs. flavored milk! Though student milk purchases initially declined, by the time the study was completed in 2009, milk purchases had actually increased by 1.3%, thereby maintaining student consumption of the protein, calcium, and other important vitamins milk provides.



Reminder to Schools Purchasing Meals from Vendors

Vendors must have a restaurant license to sell meals to you. DPI will be asking for this when renewing contracts.

USDA 2010 Equipment Grant

The phones have been ringing here at the DPI as schools would like more information about applying for the USDA 2010 Equipment Grant. What’s the hold up? The eligibility criteria is presently being discussed by Congress, specifically, whether or not School Food Authorities (SFAs) that received funding for the 2009 ARRA School Food Service Grant may receive funding through this grant. Therefore, the WI DPI has decided to wait for guidance prior to making applications available. We would hate to have SFAs spending time completing applications and then find out they weren’t eligible in the first place and had wasted precious time. As soon as the guidance is given to us, we will post the application and send a mailing to the Authorized Representative at eligible SFAs. Keep watching the website for further details: www.dpi.wi.gov/fns/usdaeg.html



Mary Loveless, Sandy Richards and Vicky Harding are pleased to have had the ARRA School Food Service Grant fund a new refrigerator at Baraboo’s South Elementary School.

Recognition at Retirement

Do you know a school nutrition employee retiring this year? The Department of Public Instruction – School Nutrition Team (SNT) would like to recognize him/her for their many years of dedication and commitment to the health and nutritional well-being of the students they serve.

To complete and submit a Request for a Certificate of Appreciation please go to our website at: www.dpi.wi.gov/fns



Cheering on Laurel HS

Laurel Harvest Challenge Team students Dylan Bruce, Kateri Burton and Anders Lewis are finalists in the Healthy Schools Campaign and the National Farm to School Network’s “Cooking Up Change” competition. Only three high school teams from across the nation were chosen to compete at “Taking Root”, the National Farm to Cafeteria conference this May in Detroit, Michigan. Way to go, Viroqua students!

For more information go to:

<http://healthyschoolscampaign.org/event/cookingupchange/2010/finalists.php>

Crediting Pop Quiz Answer



1. **False** – If a food item is not listed in the USDA *Food Buying Guide*, you must have either a Child Nutrition (CN) label or manufacturer's specification sheet to document how the item contributes to the meal pattern requirements.
2. **True** – If a product truly has a CN label, the label will appear on the product's food packaging (i.e., box, can, etc.). Manufacturers are not allowed to simply place the CN label on a fact sheet or any other product information without also providing the CN label on the actual product. Because this product does not have a CN label, a product specification sheet signed by a company official must be obtained which documents the product's contribution to the meal pattern requirement.
3. **False** – An all-meat hot dog can be found on pages 1-36 and 1-37 of the USDA *Food Buying Guide* as "Frankfurter".
4. **False** – CN labels and manufacturer's sheets can be used to document how a food item contributes to the meal pattern requirements.
5. **True** – By using the chart on pages 3-15 and 3-16 of the USDA *Food Buying Guide*, you will find Muffins (all except corn) in Group D where you can then determine by weight the number of grains/breads servings that muffin supplies. (2 oz muffin = 1 grains/breads)
6. **False** – Cereal bars are not listed in the chart on pages 3-15 and 3-16 of the USDA *Food Buying Guide*. Crediting information for a cereal bar must be obtained from the manufacturer (manufacturer's specification sheet) including signature of an officer of the company.

To learn more about crediting of food items, visit our website: <http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/menupln.html>. You can also refer to the recent mailing, Required Documentation for Crediting of Food Items, posted on our webpage: <http://dpi.wi.gov/fns/sntmail.html>.

Please note that a two-hour Crediting Update training has been added to our summer Child Nutrition Skills Development Courses. Visit our website for more details: <http://www.dpi.wi.gov/fns/training.html>



Special Reminders

Food Allergy Awareness Week - May 9-15, 2010

For more information including ideas for activities, PowerPoint presentations and free resources go to the *Get Involved* page at: www.foodallergy.org/section/food-allergy-awareness-week1

School Nutrition Association of WI Annual Conference – June 20-23, 2010

Location: Radisson, La Crosse

More information can be found at: <http://www.sna-wi.org/conferences/>

National Annual Conference – July 11–14, 2010

Location: Dallas, Texas

More information can be found at: <http://www.schoolnutrition.org>

National School Lunch Week – October 11-15, 2010

Theme: School Lunch: What's on Your Plate?"

National School Breakfast Week – March 7-11, 2011

Theme: School Breakfast Detectives

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